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## March Madness

What it will take for the Eagles to soar into the NCAA tournament | **SPORTS, p. 7**

Political satire, abstract artist to perform on campus today | **NEWS, p. 2**

# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

## 'The Automata Pieta'

*New comedy at PAC deals with big social issues*

GSU News Service

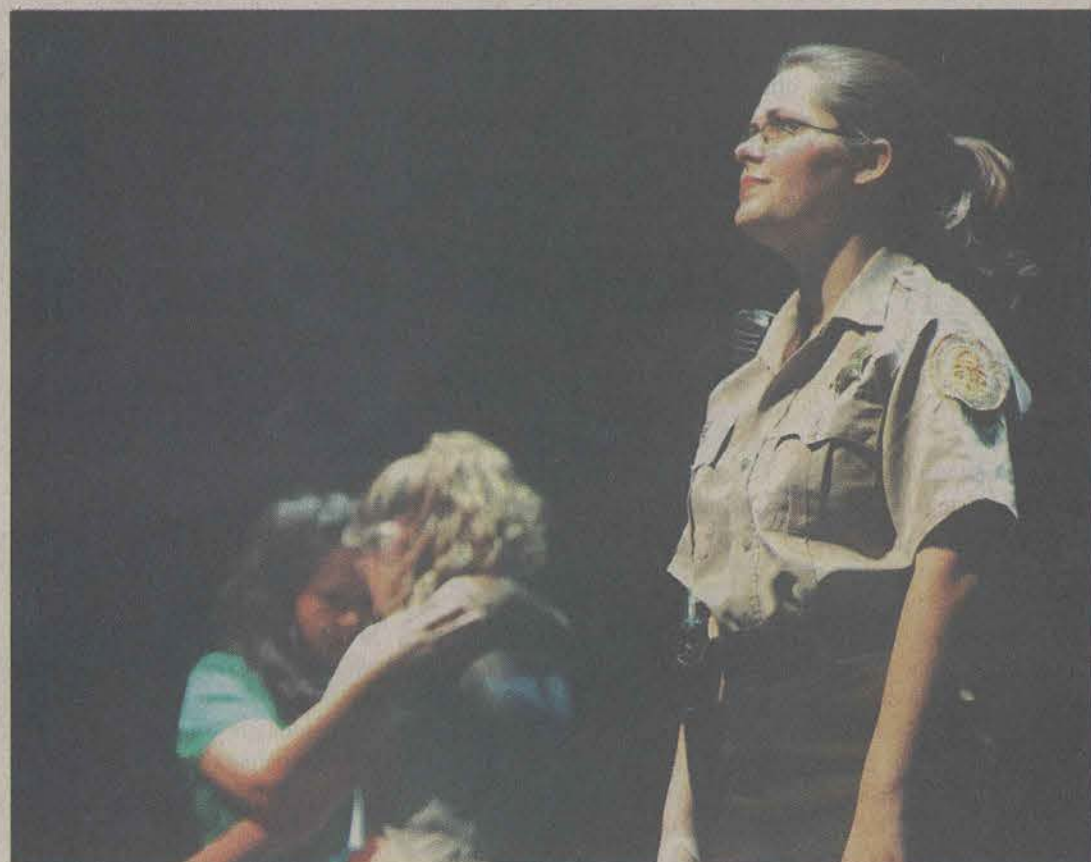
In a Southeastern premiere, Constance Congdon's "The Automata Pieta" opens at the PAC tonight at 7:30 p.m. The play will run through March 3.

"The Automata Pieta" is a play about a toy doll, Bambi, that gets discarded in the Nevada desert and covered with illegally dumped nuclear waste. The radioactivity of the waste causes the doll to turn into a human being. What ensues is a Candide-like tale of a stranger in a strange land, as Bambi explores America from the eyes of the innocent.

"Some themes of the play include prejudice, social acceptance, and inner beauty vs. superficiality," said senior Justin Peay, who plays Norris. "This play taps into some subtle yet prevalent issues that most people experience at least once in their lifetime."

The play follows Bambi, played by Klie White, a teenage fashion doll. Bambi's "mommies," Jennifer played by Anna Giles and Shambhala played by Sharla Beaver are forced to grow up quickly after they are separated from their mother and sent into the foster care system.

"It's a great contemporary play about the stories of very different



Tao Ventre/STAFF

The Automatic Pieta will be playing at the Performing Arts Center from Feb. 28 through Mar. 3.

characters and how they're all connected," said Giles, who plays Bambi's mom. "It's told in a language students can understand, and what woman can't relate to the pressure of being perfect, beautiful and thin?"

Director Stephanie Routmans has changed thousands of lives since she's been at GSU, including the audiences who watched plays she organized, the students she's taught or the actors who she helped to find their character.

"Everyone will be at the play,"

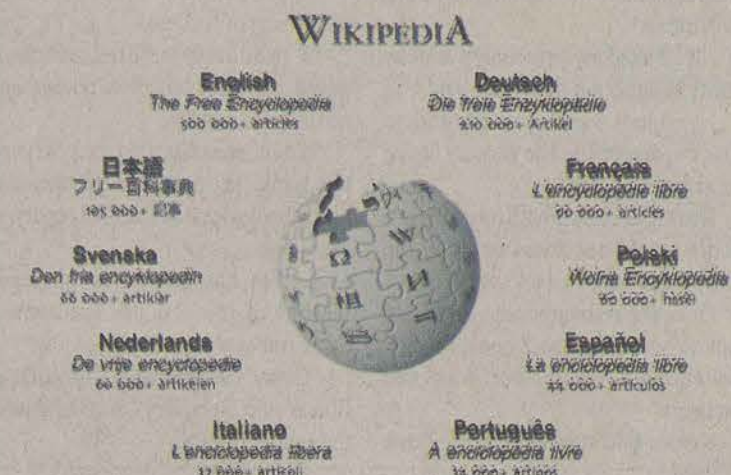
said Jennifer Pollack who has worked with Routman in the theater department since she arrived at GSU. "She's touched so many students."

The students in the play have a lot of respect for their director. "Stephanie is absolutely amazing. She is my mentor," said Giles. "She has metastatic cancer but still comes to every rehearsal she can make it to when she isn't going to the doctor. She's incredibly strong and resilient. Everyone in the play loves and admires her. She

knows how to tug at the audiences' hearts and she knows how to make people fall over laughing."

A member of the Navajo tribe, Elvis Yazzi, played by Dre Camacho, finds Bambi in the desert and brings her back to his home on the Navajo Reservation. A local police officer, Maggie, played by Melanie Barron, investigates a report of a mysterious blonde woman in the desert and

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## Wikipedia: Is it an unreliable source?

By Avina Darmadjaja  
 Assistant news editor

Wikipedia has got to be one of the greatest inventions of the 21st century. This know-it-all website, which obtains its information and edits from any user worldwide, has fed the curiosity of many people.

Wikipedia almost always has something to say about current issues, from the possible cause of death of Anna Nicole Smith to the meaning of the word "spin-off" that your finance professor has been saying for days, but never gave the definition.

"I go to Wikipedia.com when I want to know more about something that is difficult to find anywhere else," said Soe Yanti, a first-year graduate student. "But mostly I go there to get started on my papers."

The fact that anyone, even those without knowledge on the subject, can easily contribute or edit Wikipedia articles has caused controversy, especially

among educators.

"I would likely not allow students to use Wikipedia as a primary source since its accuracy is not as high as information that can be found in peer-reviewed journal articles," said Stephanie Sipe, assistant professor of legal studies.

Sipe is not the only one who is concerned with students getting their information from an unreliable source.

**"Wikipedia is not an acceptable citation, though it may lead one to a citable source."**

**Neil Waters**  
 Middlebury College history professor

According to history professor Neil Waters, the Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt. forbids students from citing Wikipedia articles in research papers.

The policy states that, "Wikipedia is not an acceptable citation, even though it may lead one to a citable source."

So far, Georgia Southern does not have any policy against the Web site. In fact, some professors think that Wikipedia is a great research tool when used with caution.

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## Astronomy and Space Day at GSU planetarium

GSU News Service

Experienced stargazers and people who have never even looked through a telescope are invited to attend a celebration of the heavens sponsored by Georgia Southern's department of physics.

The annual Astronomy and Space Day will be held on Saturday, March 3, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the GSU planetarium.

Free and open to the public, the festivities will include instruction on how to find specific planets and stars in the night sky, the presentation of a fascinating new video from NASA, and a display of moon rocks collected by the Apollo missions.

"We want to bring the wonders and excitement of astronomy and space exploration to people of all ages throughout the community," said Becky Lowder, the assistant director of the planetarium. "Everyone from adults to small children will find something that will help them gain a better understanding of the universe."

Adding to the excitement of this year's event is a total lunar eclipse, which will be in progress when the moon rises at approximately 6:22 p.m.

"A total lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes into the shadow of the Earth

see STARS, page 5



Tao Ventre/STAFF

GSU students will have to take a detour through the Russell Union for another week before the newly painted Rotunda is dry and ready for use.

## Rotunda to be ready next week

By Constance Jackson  
 Staff writer

The Russell Union Rotunda and the entrance closest to it have been blocked off for about a week now. The yellow tape that reads wet paint stretches across all four doors on the inside and outside. The message is clear: No entry. Students have had to use other doors to get inside to use the popular computer lab on the first floor of the Union or to visit Snackers. Senior Chase Singleton said that he doesn't understand why the door is blocked off—the blocked door is an inconvenience and slows him down on his way to

Chick-fil-A.

Jeffery Herrington, associate director of Student Affairs explained the renovations. "The Rotunda needs painting, pressure washing and scraping," he said. "The school wanted to go ahead and get the work out of the way on the Rotunda while the weather was cooler, before more people need it."

It seems that the administration wants to improve the Rotunda for a big Board of Regents meeting scheduled for April 17 and 18 on campus. Herrington said GSU wants to "make a good impression" for the meeting.

The job is supposed to take about

two weeks total.

That means the improvement for the Rotunda should be finished in another week. Afterwards the paint must dry before it becomes functional again. The few student groups who need the Rotunda have been moved inside.

Another Russell Union administrator said that the doors are blocked to keep mist from the pressure washing from getting on the students.

The ladders and scaffolds lying around could also be dangerous.

It might be a good idea to take a detour when walking past the Rotunda for the next week.



## Dean writes survival story

By Ditoria Geddis  
Staff writer

Saundra Murray Nettles, interim dean and professor here at Georgia Southern, was diagnosed with a brain tumor on Jan. 14, 1995 at the age of 47.

"I was told by my doctor that I have probably had it since late adolescence," said Nettles.

The tumor was in her left frontal lobe, which is responsible for helping you think and managing motor skills.

Nettles said that this kind of brain tumor may result in learning, memory, and even walking or talking difficulties.

"It affected my personality and my ability to function daily," she said.

Her tumor was removed four days after the diagnosis. The surgery lasted for about nine hours.

During her battle with brain tumor, Nettles could not find a book on the disease and how to deal with it.

Once she recovered, she could not wait to write her own book, "Crazy Visitations: A Chronicle of Illness and Recovery."

Nettles said that writing the book

has helped her deal with the situation. She also gets to do an extensive research on brain tumor.

"Writing this book gave me a better understanding of the nature of the disease," she said. "It has helped me understand many things I didn't understand before."

The book has apparently helped others as well.

An inspired reader posted a review on Amazon.com saying, "This book offers an intimate and real view of what it means to suffer, strive to maintain dignity, fight the oppressive forces in our lives and survive." The reader said she was inspired to keep fighting.

Nettles refuses to let her disease get in the way of success.

"I produced lectures, scholarly essays, research articles, poems and novel," said Nettles.

When she first started writing the book, she was one of only five black professors at the University of Maryland.

Nettles has gone through many seasons of life and has successfully come out as a winner.

"Crazy Visitations: A Chronicle of Illness and Recovery" is available in the school library.

## Renowned artist to discuss her work today

GSU News Service

Paula Gillen, an artist who uses humor and satire to poke fun at the status quo, will be speaking today at 7 p.m. in the Arts Auditorium, located in the Arts Building near the Henderson Library.

Her visit is sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee and the Betty Foy Sanders department of art.

Gillen received her BFA from the Maryland Institute, College of Art and her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

For more than 17 years, she has worked as a freelance photo editor and researcher in New York City.

Some of her clients have included People, Vanity Fair, Time, Business Week and McGraw-Hill books.

Currently, Gillen is working at the New Yorker magazine as a photo researcher locating fine art photography for the magazine's fiction section, as well as journalistic and portrait imagery for other articles.

Representing the New Yorker, she makes the rounds at various



Special Photo

Gillen uses her art to make a statement.

portfolio reviews across the country looking for new imagery to help illustrate the magazine.

While Gillen is excellent at coming up with creative ideas and conceptualizing visual solutions to illustrate text, she is also known for her keen eye, gentle humor and knowledge of the industry.

She is motivated to help others

develop their own artistic vision.

Gillen will address issues related to her job as a photo researcher, issues involving copyright law and offer students advice on how to edit their portfolios. Gillen will also discuss the evolution of her own work as an artist.

All events are free and open to the public.

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 28

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Regional history day  
Nessmith Lane Ballroom

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Campus Centennial meeting  
Russell Union 2048

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Disney info session  
Russell Union 2047

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Student government meeting  
Russell Union Ballroom

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Leadershape  
Russell Union 2048

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Sexual responsibility  
Russell Union 2044

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Eagle Entertainment meeting  
Russell Union 2048

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Automatapieta  
PAC

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Movie: Casino Royale  
Russell Union Theatre

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Caribbean dance  
Russell Union 2052

## POLICE BEAT

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• Robert Neil Gilliam, 18, of Brannen Hall, was charged with criminal trespass.

• A laptop computer was taken from the Communication Arts Building.



Special Photo

Students backpacking on a trip through with Southern Adventures.

## Southern Adventures goes to California

By Daniel Flanders  
Staff writer

Southern Adventures offers numerous opportunities to students to enjoy nature, through outdoor adventures in areas around Georgia and across the country. When backpacking and camping, students are able to build strong bonds through challenges in the outdoors and working through hardships to accomplish things as a team.

Outdoor trips encourage participants to look past the differences and overcome natural challenges. They also have the chance to witness nature in its rawest form and the recreational activities it has to offer.

Here on campus you have a unique chance to participate in an expedition of your own. Southern Adventures of Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) has taken hundreds of participants into the wilderness, where they have been able to discover a new part of themselves and experience a world apart from urban life.

Southern adventures has at its disposal 22 bikes, a fleet of backpacking gear, climbing equipment, canoes, and kayaks, they offer Georgia Southern students many exciting ways to get outside and enjoy nature. This year is no exception.

The program not only offers weekend getaway trips, but also organizes

weeklong expeditions.

This year's extended trips include the Appalachian Trail, backpacking in Maine, mountaineering in Colorado, travels through Alaska, and more.

All trip prices include gear, food, lodging, and travel expenses. This spring break they will take a group to Big Sur in the Ventana Wilderness, which is located along the California coastline.

In addition to backpacking, they will be spending a day in San Francisco. There are three more spots open for those interested and this Friday is the last chance to sign up.

Visit the new center located in the RAC for more information.

# SECOND ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

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NATIONAL NEWS

# For thousands of Liberians, time is up

McClatchy Newspapers

On the morning of her daughter's eighth birthday party, Cleo Harris came home from working the night shift and started frying doughnuts. The familiar feel of the dough, the cozy kitchen of her Brooklyn Park, Minn., townhouse, the thick smells of hot oil and melting sugar, all helped push aside the looming question: Was this the last birthday party she would ever throw for her little girl?

Harris was pregnant with Yatta in 1998 when she fled Liberia in the chaos and murder of a bloody civil war. She had to leave her firstborn child behind, lanky, shy Quantah Cooper. It was a wrenching decision, but the 15-year-old girl had no visa. She stayed behind with grandparents.

Now 45, Harris has missed Quantah every day of the nine years they've been apart. And now she is confronted with that pain all over again. Later this year, Harris might be forced to return to Liberia. And this time, she might be compelled to leave little Yatta behind.

"Yatta has a right to a better life ... a right to stay here," Harris said. "But who would she stay with?"

Harris and thousands of other Liberians who are not U.S. citizens have been allowed to stay temporarily in the United States for years while civil war raged in their West African nation. While here, they found jobs, bought homes, started families. Yatta



Jerry Holt/MCT

Cleo Harris (left) of Brooklyn Park and her cousin Demah Salvage of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania enjoyed getting their hair styled at Amanda's Hair Creation in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota over the Christmas holiday. The cousins were separated for two years in 1990 because of the civil war in Liberia.

was born here and so is a U.S. citizen. But now, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security says Liberia has stabilized, and Harris and others who are here temporarily must leave by Oct. 1.

This forced departure represents the latest dramatic chapter in the intertwined history of the United States and Liberians. Many of their ancestors first came here shackled in the holds of slave ships. A generation or two later, thousands of freed slaves were sent back to Africa to get rid of them. A

country was founded for them.

But indigenous tribes did not welcome the newly arrived "Americo-Liberians." Over time, this tension erupted into the violence that eventually drove Harris and throngs of others back across the Atlantic to America, seeking sanctuary.

And now they may be sent back once again.

The sudden departure of thousands would be a dramatic change to their communities. Officials are just beginning to assess what would hap-

pen if hundreds of houses are dumped on the market, if dozens of nursing homes lose skilled workers, if scores of children are pulled from school or left behind.

Cleo Harris' story is just one of many. And to her, the prospect of leaving is nearly unbearable.

She packed up the doughnuts to take to the birthday party. It would break her heart to say goodbye to another daughter. But it would also break her heart to take happy Yatta to a country so destroyed by war.

QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

## Should the FDA have a greater role in regulating tobacco?

This time, public health groups think Congress really will crack down on tobacco. Hearings open today on a bill that would give the FDA authority to regulate cigarette advertising and contents.

Congress has to work over the keen objections of Sen. Richard Burr of Winston-Salem, N.C., but once the law's passed, advocates say children will find it tougher to buy cigarettes or see advertising.

## Democrats toughen against war

Vying for support in an anti-war party, the Democratic presidential candidates are with each passing week embracing new and tougher measures to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq, adopting ideas they once shunned.

In June, Barack Obama voted against a deadline for withdrawal. But

a few weeks ago, the Illinois senator proposed a withdrawal date (March 2008), saying, "Too many lives have been lost, and too many billions have been spent."

Hillary Rodham Clinton, a longtime critic of timetables, now says troop reductions should start within 90 days.

## Hitting the books in Iraq's war zone

As the war in Iraq drags on, lengthening military deployments, American soldiers are increasingly turning to the Internet to continue their education, from independent study by e-mail to enrolling with huge online universities.

"Here you have education reaching into the heart of a war zone," said

Raymond Schroeder, who directs online learning at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Virtual learning in the war zone has become as much a staple of duty as the chow line. Recognizing the lucrative market, universities and colleges are gobbling up online soldiers.

## Coming a long way from 1965

When Rep. John Conyers Jr. came to Congress in 1965, with the civil rights movement in full bloom, the young attorney from Detroit was hoping for a coveted seat on the House Judiciary Committee.

No African-American had ever served on the panel. Indeed, Conyers was one of only six black congressmen serving in

the House at the time. And to get such a plum post, Conyers first had to persuade then-House Speaker John McCormack, a cigar-chomping Irishman from south Boston.

Conyers did. Now, 42 years later, he has become the first African-American to chair the committee. This time, however, Conyers has plenty of company.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

### Leading economic indicators

The Birmingham City Council revealed in October, first, that a man whose job is to paint white lines in the street made more than twice the average annual British wage, and then that a city lightbulb-changer was paid at about the same rate. And in October, London's Daily Mail profiled Keith Jackson, 57, an engineer for the AquaTec Coatings company in Wales, whose occupation for the last 30 years has been watching paint dry (to gauge its application time). He said the job pays "fairly well" but "can be stressful."

### Least competent criminals

Peggy Sue Hesskew, 44, was arrested in Kerrville, Texas, in November after she made a down payment to a hit man (actually, an undercover police officer) for a contract on her ex-husband. She made the contract even though the Kerrville Daily Times had reported the day before that police were on the lookout for a woman who had been asking around town for hit men. "You don't get the paper?" asked the magistrate when she was arrested. "I was out of town," she said.

*I Had a Safe Spring Break*

# TRUE LIFE

<p><b>Monday, March 5</b>  <b>Water Hydration/Driving Safety Information Table</b>  <b>Outside of Health Services</b>  <b>10 am - 1 pm</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 7</b>  <b>Mocktails</b>  <b>Russell Union</b>  <b>10 am - 1 pm</b></p> <p><b>Hall Crawl</b>  <b>All Residence Halls</b>  <b>5 pm - 7 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 6</b>  <b>Drunk Driving Simulation</b>  <b>Russell Union Visitors Parking Lot</b>  <b>10 am - 1 pm</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, March 8</b>  <b>Joyce and Eric Krug Story</b>  <b>Russell Union Theatre</b>  <b>7 pm</b></p>
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## OUR VIEW

# Parking regulations blindside student drivers

**AT ISSUE:** Often students are not aware of parking rules, and they pay the price

For decades Georgia Southern parking has been a difficult issue for students to deal with. From the increasing cost of parking passes each year to the draconic ticketing process of the parking officials. GSU parking regulations extend past the yellow parking tickets you find on your windshield.

These tickets are dispersed based upon a rule-set defining where students can and can't park. The problem with the way the system works, is that many students don't know where and when they can park on campus until they get a ticket

for it, and they still don't know about other rules that may affect them.

Much rumor and gossip exists around these rules. For example, parking is supposed to be free on campus after 4 p.m., but there are exceptions to this rule that students don't know about.

Tickets are still given after hours for parking in certain areas like residence halls, delivery zones and other places. Most students aren't aware of parking restrictions and end up simply paying the price at transportation services.

In addition to these certain rules and regula-

tions, if you have three parking tickets and have already received a warning, your car could be booted when you get back to it. A boot is the thing that locks one of your wheels, so that you can't drive your car. In addition to this pain, in order to remove it, you're forced to pay an extra fine.

These issues happen to students each semester and can hit hard. Many students have voiced their concerns to editors of The George-Anne Daily concerning these parking rules. These complaints consist of more than just simple inconveniences for these students.

A few times, people who live out of town were not able to return to their homes because of these boots. They are especially inconvenient for students who don't know about them until it is too late to get them removed that day.

While the transportation system at GSU is developing in ways that will help students, such as running during the summer and maybe offering shuttles downtown, there are other ways to help students as well. Attempts should be made to make it clearer where parking is and is not allowed for students.

**Justin Burris**  
**OCCAM'S RAZOR**

## Wanna park? Pay the price

In a single year of school many things happen to us Georgia Southern students. We have grades, midterms, parties, pizza and least favorite of all, tickets. Yet these tickets aren't from speeding, or being too loud at a party, things you'd expect getting a ticket for. Rather these tickets are given out because you parked your car. By committing the high sins of being late for class, meeting friends for lunch, or attending a meeting with a professor, you've broken holy GSU law.



**Justin Burris** is a graphic design/computer science major from Warner Robbins, Ga. He is Hiatus editor of The George-Anne Daily.

While it's a good idea to make sure people who've paid to park have the room to do so, the way it's enforced at this campus is deplorable. On your first offense a dull yellow folder is placed under your wiper blade. Held within is a little slip of paper with the GSU seal located at the top.

It seems innocent at first, yet the tale darkens its contents read that you've committed a heinous crime and need to amend for it as soon as possible. With a quick deposit of your cash, you can be absolved of the crimes

you committed while taking that biology test.

While the costs aren't high to pay off your first ticket, they add up fast. As students, most of us don't have the time available to work part time jobs, and so often these fees will go unpaid. In addition to not being able to pay these fines, students hardly even know they exist. It's not like there's a magical parking fairy to tell us where to park.

The problem is that this only further increases your risk of going deeper into the rabbit hole of troubles. Where does the hole end? It ends with student's cars getting a boot placed on their wheel and no way to get their car off campus. At least until they pay additional fees to the transportation office. This once again is problematic, due to the fact that the fines weren't paid due to lack of cash in the first place.

Most of these problems can be easily solved simply by changing the way the system operates. Instead of receiving a ticket detailing your crime and how you may atone, simply give the student a packet that has information about where they can and can't park on campus. This packet should include all of the caveats also, such as how stadium parking is closed after 12 a.m. and if a student's car still remains there, it will be towed.

With such information, students can have a clear understanding of the parking rules and they will be less prone to receive tickets and citations.

On the second offense, then warrant a ticket, for if administered correctly, the student should know where they can park. However, instead of only offering a monetary way to pay for the misdeed, students should be able to complete campus community service. For example they could pick up trash, clean windows or do any number of other chores that need to be completed on campus. This would provide a way for students to pay off their fines without going bankrupt, and the campus as a whole benefits.

In addition to providing alternative means of payment, the parking services could look into taking their job less seriously. There are many areas on campus that require passes to park at, when the entire lot never fills up. It's ridiculous to think that in situations such as these, citations are still being issued. No one is being harmed in these instances and for them to ticket people, feels of a sick sense of humor on the part of parking officials.

Write Justin at [Hiatus@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:Hiatus@georgiasouthern.edu)

**GSU GRIPE**

There isn't even a sign!!!

Hey pal, somethings you're just 'pose to know! Now take the fine like a man!!



**Brian Ollison** is a freshman graphic design major from Atlanta, Ga. He is an editorial cartoonist for The George-Anne Daily.

**Keith Arnett: YOUR TURN**

## Managing midterm stress

Take a deep breath in..... Hold...Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...Now exhale...

If you followed the instructions, you're one step closer to managing the stress associated with mid-term exams. If not, you're probably laughing at how cheesy this counselor guy's intro was. Either way, you are doing something other than worrying about how stressful



**Keith Arnett, MA** is an educational psychologist in the Counseling and Career Development Center at GSU.

mid-term exams will be for you.

**Prentiss Price**, psychologist at the Counseling and Career Development Center, recommends the use of humor and relaxation exercises

to lessen our mind's response to stress in order to reduce the tension that tends to manifest in our body during stressful situations.

Generation after generation of college students seem to experience the stress associated with exams especially at mid-term and end of semester.

**Marlo Rouse-Arnett**, professor

in the College of Hospitality, Tourism, and Family and Consumer Science, often tells her students, "The way you handle stress today is the way you will always handle stress."

Don't live your life on fast forward because you will waste your life away. There is always going to be an exam to study for or a job interview. Learning effective ways of dealing with stress today may be life-saving for you."

Although, professors, university counselors, and administrators specifically bring attention to this phenomenon experienced by a majority of college students, managing mid-term exam stress remains a right of passage that each student experiences.

Managing the stress associated with examinations is an ongoing process for junior Psychology student, **Nikita Doomes**, who advises students to prioritize, make lists, and use campus resources to assist with managing stress related to midterms.

Hopefully upperclassmen, like **Nikita**, have learned effective strategies and incoming freshman will gain necessary knowledge to

lessen their reaction to mid-term exam stress.

If you are not one of the lucky ones or you need to improve upon your existing knowledge, the attached list of strategies from University of Pittsburgh, Health Education office website is for you:

- Use a planner or "To do lists" to organize test dates and study hours
- Break big jobs down into smaller more manageable tasks
- Eliminate distractions
- Avoid procrastinating and reward yourself when you finish a task
- Eat a balanced diet and try to avoid "stress eating"
- Get some exercise everyday
- Try to get at least six hours of sleep a night
- Take time everyday to relax and make sure to schedule in some study breaks
- Watch what you tell yourself-If you change your "Isn't it awful" thoughts to "I'm going to do the best I can," you'll greatly reduce exam related stress.

**Robert Greene II**  
**I'M JUST SAYIN'**

## Perceptions of black leaders

In recent weeks, media pundits have begun to analyze the viability of Barack Obama winning the Democratic nomination for president. While I have already expressed doubts about his candidacy and his very running, I have been troubled by some statements about his campaign.

For one, it has been said in various media sources that Obama does not have a firm grip on the African American vote. In fact, according to the latest polls, Barack is only getting around half of what Hillary Clinton is currently polling among African Americans. When asked why they can't support him, it appears that most blacks simply say that he doesn't seem "American" enough to him, whether it's his funny sounding name, or his upbringing with a white family.



**Robert Greene II** is a senior writing and linguistics major from Augusta. He is a columnist for The George-Anne Daily.

On the other hand, there were comments by Senator Joe Biden, of Delaware, a few weeks ago. Biden, also a contender for the Democratic nomination in 2008, called Obama "the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean." These statements remind me of comments made about General Colin Powell, who was a Presidential contender in the 1990s. They have both been called articulate, intelligent, and are full of crossover appeal.

As though all black politicians are fools, and these two are the only ones with the intelligence required to put together a complete sentence, much less an actual speech. Why is it that such low standards are held for African American politicians these days? You'd think that more would be wanted from all politicians, not just black ones. After all, most white politicians these days aren't terribly articulate, either. Why is the leader of the free world allowed to get away with run on sentences, long, stumbling pauses in speeches, and so many other verbal quagmires, yet the only serious contenders for the presidency who happen to be black must be extremely well spoken? Shouldn't that be a requirement for all of our statesmen and public servants?

I have a sense that some black Americans do not see Senator Obama as a "true" African American. Since he went to Harvard, didn't grow up in America, and gets along so well with members of other races, something must be wrong with him. There are doubts about his sensibility towards black issues due to his ability to get along so easily with whites.

This is a sad indictment of our times. Far too long I've seen some African Americans distrust those of their community who show a predilection for articulating their speech without slang. So many of the role models for African Americans today are rap stars, many of whom choose to use excessive amounts of slang and profanity to capture, and keep, their audience. But rap music itself is the cause of this. When rap first broke out of the inner cities and into mainstream American music in the 1970s and 1980s, it spoke to the concerns of the people in the urban areas of America. It was a new and raw form of protest music, holding nothing back and bearing all for those who dared to see the truth. Today, of course, it has become over-commercialized and readily packaged for whoever wants to listen.

This is a symptom of America today that particularly affects African Americans. High standards have been replaced by a faith in instant gratification, and lower standards for fellow men. I know that standards must change for all Americans, otherwise double and triple standards will destroy our nation once and for all. We have too much potential to let such things divide us.

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## PAC

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mistakenly believes that Elvis has kidnapped Bambi. A small time radio DJ, Vortexia, played by Latoya Bivins, fights for a reform of America's idea of what makes a woman beautiful.

These characters deal with feelings of abandonment and solitude while Time, played by Grant Valdes, leads them on their journeys to find each other and themselves. The play deals with several issues that are at the surface of many of the social issues in America today.

Bambi and Vortexia are at opposite ends of the spectrum with Vortexia

being a full-figured woman and Bambi having the perfect body, except she's made of plastic.

Elvis deals with the still prevalent racism that Native American's face in this country.

Maggie finds herself within a moral struggle as she is torn between doing what she believes is right as a Christian and doing her job as a police officer.

The play contains adult themes and sexual content. Parental discretion is advised.

Ticket prices are \$4 for GSU students with ID, \$8 for GSU faculty and staff, seniors, local students and \$12 for general admission. For ticket information, call 912-486-7999.

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"Yes, I allow students to use Wikipedia as a source, so long as they use it in a way that is consistent with their analysis of the source, that is, that Wikipedia is a source that is authored by, well, by anyone," said Janice Walker, professor at the writing and linguistics department. "Thus, students' use of it cannot be such that their arguments rely (solely) on the information from this source unless they also substantiate the information from other, more reliable sources."

According to Walker, a study comparing information in Wikipedia with a traditional print encyclopedia found that Wikipedia was only slightly less reliable.

"Of course, there have also been instances when information in Wikipedia was totally wrong," said Walker. "But the process of online peer 'review' actually corrected the misinformation."

In other words, said Walker, while print encyclopedias undergo rigid review before publication with any errors after publication corrected in the next edition, Wikipedia is constantly being reviewed and edited.

"Students and all researchers shouldn't automatically disregard any source of information, but we must all carefully evaluate our sources," said Walker. "So, yeah, students can use it in my classes, but with appropriate caution."

But then, she said, we should approach all of our potential sources of information with that same caution.

## STARS

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as the moon, the Earth and the sun are aligned," Lowder said. "The rays of sunlight are bent around the edge of the Earth and filtered through our atmosphere, and that turns the moon a shade of red."

Astronomy and Space Day will feature hands-on demonstrations and a display of different kinds of telescopes. Members of the department of physics and the Statesboro Astronomy Club

will be on hand to share with visitors, who can view sunspots during the day, and Saturn, Venus and the Orion Nebula at night.

"With all of these activities, it's going to be a spectacular afternoon and evening under the stars as we have fun exploring astronomy and space exploration," Lowder said.

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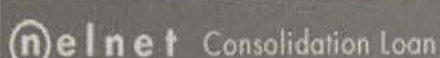
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## SPORTS

Who's  
**HOT**

**NBA:** Dallas Mavericks. With an easy win over the Atlanta Hawks, 110-87, last night the Mavs became the first team in league history with three win streaks of 12 games or better in a single season. This win is also the 20th consecutive home win for the Mavs.

Who's  
**NOT**

**NBA:** Atlanta Hawks. With the loss to Dallas, the Hawks have lost four out of their last five. The team, who has a win percentage of merely .386, is 15 games out of first place in the Eastern Conference and is ranked 12th out of the conference's 15 teams.

## Eagles' Graham honored by SoCon

## Junior forward wins Southern Conference Player of the Week

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's Louis Graham was named Southern Conference men's basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 27. Graham was the team's leading scorer and top rebounder as the Eagles closed out the regular season with victories at Wofford and against the College of Charleston.



Graham

The junior from West Palm Beach, Fla. recorded his league-leading 13th double-double with 24 points and 12 rebounds in a 68-46 victory at Wofford on Feb. 22. He followed that performance with 19 points and nine boards in Georgia Southern's 74-65 triumph over the College of Charleston on Feb. 24. He was responsible for nearly one-third of Georgia Southern's scoring in the two contests.

For the week, Graham averaged 21.5 points and 10.5 rebounds while shooting 51.4 percent from the field (18-of-35) and 63.56 percent (7-of-11) from the free throw line.

Graham averaged 14.3 points, 10th best in the Southern Conference this season, and 8.4 rebounds, ranking him second in the league, while shooting 52.1 percent from the floor, seventh best in the SoCon in 2006-07.

## Baseball returns to play four home games

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern baseball returns to the friendly confines of J.I. Clements Stadium to begin a four-game homestand this week. The Eagles conclude the home-and-home series against Jacksonville, Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 28) at 4 p.m.

Last week the Eagles (8-6 overall) saw their seven-game winning streak end and a four-game losing streak begin.

GSU, undefeated in five games at J.I. Clements Stadium this season, recently dropped three games at the Wiregrass Classic in Dothan, Alabama, 7-1 to Southern Miss, 16-10 to Troy and 5-1 to Indiana.

Two weeks ago GSU traveled to Jacksonville and handed the Dolphins a 10-6 defeat. Chris Shehan went 3-for-5 with four RBI and three runs scored. A.J. Wirsberger added three hits.

Griffin Benedict scored three times while Chris Hollis drove in two runs. John Ducey won his first game as an Eagle, allowing two runs in six innings.

Sophomore Drew Murray will get the start. He enters the game 1-2 and a 2.89 ERA in 18.2 innings.

Wirsberger leads the hitting attack at .408. Shehan is next at .367, holding the team lead with four home runs and 24 RBI, while Benedict is one percentage point behind in hitting.

Overall the Eagles are hitting at a .335 clip while posting a 4.69 ERA.

Jacksonville (5-7) lost 2-of-3 last weekend in Mobile, Alabama.

The Dolphins defeated host South Alabama 14-4, but lost to number 29 Auburn 7-6 and Michigan State 4-2. Freshman Glenn Witkowski (0-1, 8.38 ERA) is scheduled to start.

The Eagles take on the No. 11 Citadel Bulldogs tonight in Charleston, but need to win a few more games to get to the...

## THE BIG DANCE

By Lelan Washington / Staff writer

Now on to the SoCon tournament with three wins back to back, sixth seed Georgia Southern's men's basketball team will have to face-off with the eleventh seed Bulldogs of The Citadel. With Saturday's win in Hanner, it looks as though the Eagles have the juice as they won it in dramatic fashion having to come back down by three at the half and not letting up.

The Eagle's can definitely not let up now as they enter a win or go home situation at the tourney. The win over the Cougars marked the first time this season GSU won after trailing at halftime, and after coming into the game last in the SoCon in turnover margin, the Eagles won the turnover battle 17-9. GSU is a win away from tying its longest winning streak of the season. While the Eagles

are peaking at the right time, history has shown that winning at the end of the season does not translate into postseason success.

"The record shows that we're playing our best basketball right now," Price added. "That's good, but I also know that last year we had won eight of our last nine and were coming off a 25-point win at Furman. Regardless of how you're peaking or how you're playing, you still have to be totally focused on playing the game that's at stake that night. I don't think we did that last year and that's got to be our focus this year." The Eagles play tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Charleston, S.C. So, the George-Anne sports staff has put together some critical factors that will help get the Eagles to the "Big Dance".

## In order for the Eagles to win they must:



## AVOID DUMB FOULS

- Keep them off the foul line where the Bulldogs shot 30 points from free throw land.

## FAST PACE OFFENSE

- Score at least 80 points, since the Bulldogs have not in 29 of 31 games this season

## FINISH!

- teams off. Don't let the Bulldogs physically dominate towards the end of the game, like the 74-69 OT loss in the regular season.

## JUST STOP HIM!

- Shut down Kevin Hammack who scored 32 last game by staying at the line.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE

- of offensive opportunities. Knock down free throws and complete the three-point play.

## PLAY DEFENSE!

- The Bulldogs have lost their last six by an average of 17 points so stay on D.



Special Photo/MCT

Some key players for the Eagles include Donte Gennie (Sr), Louis Graham (Jr), and Dwayne Foreman (Jr). Donte Gennie leads the Eagles scoring with 16.3 points per game, he's 72 percent from the free throw line, has 37 steals and 76 assists on the season, and averages 29 minutes on the court in all 29 games.

Louis Graham is second in scoring with 14.3 points per game, 243 rebounds and 44 blocked shots in all 29 games. Foreman finished the regular season with 9.8 points per game, lead the team with 170 assists, and obtained 107 rebounds out of the 27 games he played. Both Graham and Gennie broke the 1,000 career points mark this season. This will be Gennie's last time to make a bid into the NCAA tournament so he'll have to show some senior leadership and play his best games yet.

## Factors that can help the Eagles win:



## EXECUTE GAME PLAN

- Wins against the Citadel and College of Charleston. They have beaten both of these teams before.

## UPSET CITY!

- #1 Davidson gets knocked off by Chattanooga or Wofford

## WCU UPSETS

- #2 Appalachian State falls to Elon or Western Carolina  
\*Should give the Eagles easy games in semi-finals and final game of the tournament

## FOCUS

- The Eagles need to focus on one game at a time and not concentrate on what's to come.

## FIRST ROUND BYE

- Every team that has won the SoCon Championship has earned a first round bye in the national tournament.

## FORGET THE PAST

- The last time GSU went to the big dance was in 1992, when they were defeated early by Oklahoma State, 100-73

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN 10, JACKSONVILLE 0

## Softball extends win streak to six games



Jared Siri/STAFF

Sophomore Robyne Siliga gets a hit in a recent game.

By Katherine Cox  
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern took on the Jacksonville Dolphins in a home double header that resulted in two more victories for the Eagles, extending their win streak to six games. The first game ended with a score of 6-1 and the second win was a 10-0 shutout.

The game started slow with only one run scored in the first five innings, but GSU's offense erupted in the sixth inning of the first game. The inning led with a double by shortstop Maria Laurato. A deep fly ball hit by Smith advanced the runner to third. Left fielder Lindsey Hopkins followed with an RBI single. The rally was capped with a two out homerun by third basemen Robyne Siliga.

"I just tried to stay relaxed and really see the ball. I was trying hard

to have fun and stay focused" said Siliga.

After the sixth inning rally, pitcher Melissa Laliberte wrapped up her five hit game and finished with a win. She is 3-3 on the season.

The second game of the double header exploded with offense from the very first inning.

GSU capitalized on Jacksonville's mistakes early in the game. Hopkins reached first on a fielding error and then stole second base and proceeded to steal third. Catcher Jenny Side doubled down the right field line and drove the runner home.

This was followed by a walk to Siliga and another double by Laurato. Three singles and a fielder's choice later, the Eagles lead 5-0.

Solid pitching added with tremendous offense equals success in the past six games for GSU. A shutout second

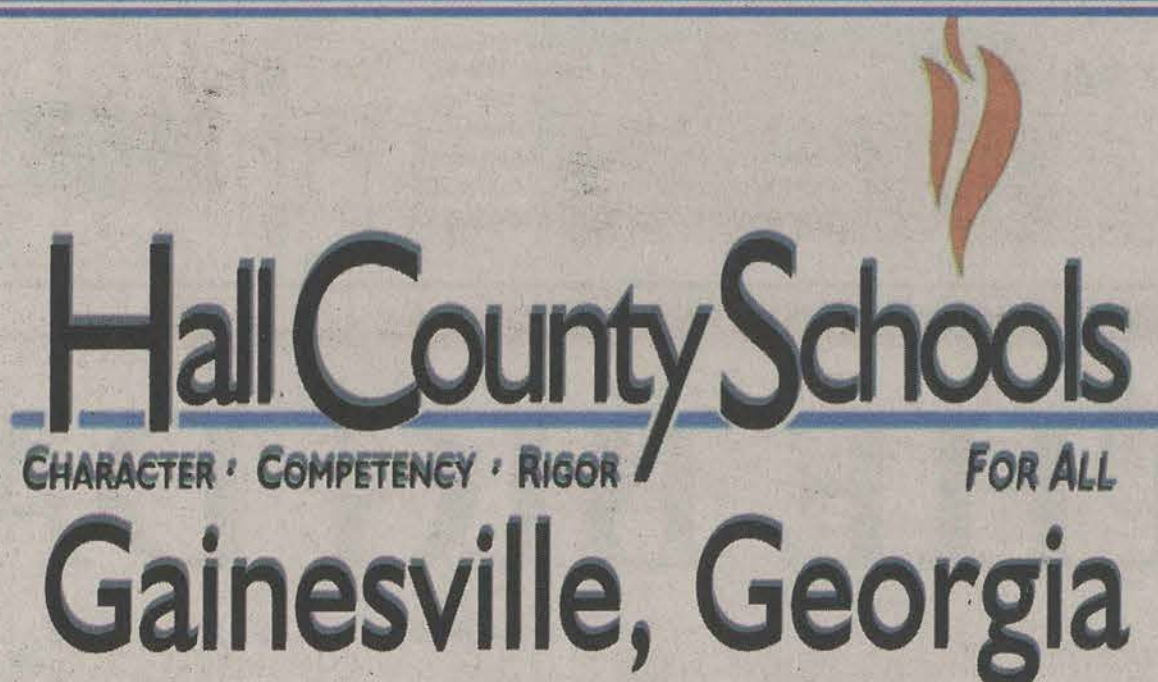
inning from winning pitcher Logan Free kept the breathing room available for the Eagles.

The bottom of the second followed with more hits, runs, and momentum. Side took advantage of a miss pitch by the Dolphins and drove it deep over the left field wall for her third homerun of the season and the team's second of the day. Two more runs had been tacked on to the five run first.

Due to the mercy rule, the game was stopped in the fifth inning. The final score was 10-0. Logan Free threw a one hitter and was given the win. She is 4-2 on the season.

"I try setting small goals and keeping heads straight. The main thing I wanted to do was come out and win mid-week. I had no idea we even had a six game win streak until tonight. We stay focused and do our best," Head Coach Natalie Frole said.





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